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Sir,

In response to the final rejection in the Office Action mailed May 5, 2005, please amend the present application as follows:

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.